

REMARKS

Consideration and entry of the foregoing amendments are requested.

Claims 52-65 and 86-89 are pending; claims 66-85 and 90-111 are withdrawn following a restriction. In this paper, claims 52-55, 57-64, 86, and 88 are amended; claims 56, 65, 87, and 89 are unchanged; and claims 66-85 and 90-111 are withdrawn.

The amendments are as suggested by Examiner Nguyen during a telephone interview on July 24, 2009, with the undersigned. Since these amendments are as suggested by the Examiner, they should clear the way to allowance of the pending claims.

The amendments to independent claims 52 and 59 necessitated corresponding amendments to certain of their dependent claims.

Claim 58 was not mentioned in the Advisory Action or the Office action of June 1, 2009. Applicant believes that claim 58 belongs with the other claims still pending. Confirmation is requested.

As noted above, these amendments are as requested by the Examiner. Applicant has already, for the record, traversed the need for them because, Applicant stated, they were unnecessary (see Reply of July 28, 2009). To advance prosecution of this application, Applicant hereby makes the requested amendments with the understanding that the replacement terms and corresponding deleted terms have exactly the same respective meanings, and that the amendments do not significantly narrow or otherwise alter the scope of the affected claims, as stated by the Examiner. (See Reply of July 28, 2009.) Therefore, for the record, although Applicant has made the amendments herein, Applicant expressly does not surrender, or intend to surrender, scope of equivalents under the *Festo* line of cases.

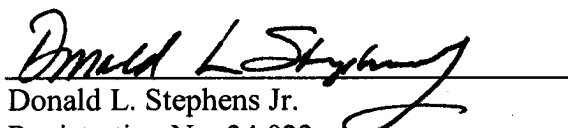
The claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and early action to such end is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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